



WILKINSON NEWSLETTER

June 2013

Principal's message

This has truly been the fastest year ever...we cannot believe that June is nearing the end already!

Despite some challenging times this year, we truly love this school; it is simply a wonderful place to come to each day. We continue to grow and learn new things every day, have persevered together, and can celebrate countless successes. Thank you to all students, staff, and parents, who make Wilkinson such an amazing place to be!!

On behalf of the Wilkinson staff, we would like wish all our students, parents and community partners a wonderful and safe summer!

– *Mr Kelly and Ms. Adams*

Music News

Senior kindergarten graduation: Wednesday June 19

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PLEASE NOTE: Parents are welcome to attend one or both daytime performances.

Evening Spring Concert: Wednesday June 19

From 7-8pm:

The following groups will be performing at the evening concert in this order:

- All Ukulele groups
- Primary Choir

- Junior Choir
- Orff Ensemble (all Orff groups)

If your child is in one of the groups above, but you haven't yet received a letter about it, please e-mail Ms. Levy at batya.levy@tdsb.on.ca. Ms. Levy can also answer any questions you may have about the evening concert.

–*Batya Levy*

Library news

Book Fair

Wilkinson's first book fair of the school year took place June 3 through 6. Thanks to all students and parents who bought books and a big thanks to the parent volunteers and the Grade 5 and 6 helpers. We couldn't do it without your support!

Library Books

The due date for all school library books was Monday June 10. Please check around your home for any books belonging to the Wilkinson library and return them as soon as you find them. If you find any library books over the summer, please put them aside and return them the first week back in September.

Summer Reading Program for Grades 4 and 5 students

Once again this year, Grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to take up to 10 books out over the summer. Information will be sent home with students in these grades.

As always ... Happy Reading!

–*Joel Krentz*

Physical and HEALTHY Eating news

Wow time flies by when you're active and eating healthy!

It was a busy month of May and it'll continue to be a busy month in June for athletics and of course healthy eating at Wilkinson.

Soccer

The boys' soccer team had their tournament in May and played great against tougher opponents. They represented Wilkinson well, gained a lot of experience and will look to sharpen their skills for next year.

The girls' team won their tournament, coming in first in the division after a hard fought series of games at Cosburn on May 10! Great work, girls! They lost in their playoff game but tried their hardest and represented Wilkinson with great sportsmanship.

Ultimate Frisbee

The ultimate frisbee team had their tournament and also showed great sportsmanship, so much so that they won a spirit banner for Wilkinson!!! Awesome job!

Cricket

The cricket team won their tournament and made it to the conference finals but lost. It was an excellent effort and will be awarded with another banner! Great work, boys!

Track and field

The track and field team practiced hard and competed on May 22, doing an excellent job representing Wilkinson. Eleven of our athletes made it to the South Conference finals on Monday June 3. Two athletes, Lauren Lynch-Hudecki and Allison Brown both in Grade 4, did exceptionally well in both the running and standing long jump, respectively, and moved onto the city track and field championships on Tuesday, June 11 at Birchmount stadium. At that event,

Lauren Lynch-Hudecki placed 4th in the city for running long jump and Allison Brown placed 8th in the city for standing long jump. Awesome effort girls! We're all very proud of you. Gooooooooooooo Lions!

Jump!

Jump Rope for Heart also took place in the last week of May and was a great success! Thanks to all the students and parents for their generosity and kindness in giving to a worthy cause – The Heart and Stroke Foundation. Also, great skipping! It's another way to stay healthy and active!

Healthy eating

Well it's our last month for the H.E.A.L.T.H.Y. Eating Program and it was another great year of eating healthy snacks. Thank you students, parents and staff for your continued encouragement of the program. It is hoped that you will continue to eat healthy throughout the summer.

Have a great, active, healthy and safe summer, Wilkinson.

Here are your healthy snacks for June:

- **June 17-21:** the 3Ps: Peaches, Pears or Plums
 - **June 24-27:** my favourite... WATERMELON!
- Happy Healthy Eating, Wilkinson!

– *Mr. Kasaval and Mr. Bozabalian*

Creating change

From June 3 to 14, Wilkinson participated in the Free the Children *We Create Change* program (for more information on the campaign, visit: <http://bit.ly/S69GYd>).

Our school ambassadors collected pennies to put into bags for donations. The pennies will go to providing clean water for people all over the world.

2,500 Pennies = Water for one person for life: Free the Children website.

Thank you for giving to such an important cause.

Fun Fair – Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and patrons of this year's Fun Fair! You came, you volunteered, you played and you spent money. Fun Fair 2013 was a great success! The revenue you helped to raise contributes to the council covering the costs of (or contributing funds to) Visiting Authors, student field trips, Arts programming, visiting seminars for parents, Scientists in the classroom, and major equipment projects such as the new Kindergarten play structure. See you next year...same time, same chicken and same fun.

– *April Moon, Fun Fair Lead*

2013 Fun Fair Donors:		
7 Eleven		
7 Numbers	100 Mile Child	400 Swim School
Aeroplan	Aji Sai	Alborz Taekwondo
Alexandra Assaf Interior Design	Allure Body Bar	Alphadogz
Art Gallery of Ontario	Astoria	Atomic Age
Barbarian's	Benjamin Sports	Big Carrot

Big House	Blue Calla	Bona Pizza
BMW Canada	Brentwood Contracting	Broom Cycle Wagonry
Buddy's in Bad Time Theatre	Canadian National Exhibition	Centre of Gravity Circus
Chatham Avenue Fire Station	Childlife...Solutions 4Life with Kids!	Cineplex
Cook's Nook	Corso Shoes	Creepy Christine
Cyclemania	Dandylion Daycare Centre	Danforth Neighbourhood Dental Centre
David Nichols	Divine Cakes	Dollarama
Donate Naturally	Dukem Ethiopian Restaurant	Elite Music
Energia Athletics	Eric Savva	Factory Girl
Fermentations	Fight Club	Five Star Nails
Flight Centre Danforth	Food Basics Pape	Fresh
Fresh Express Fruit Market	Fresh From the Farm	Fusion Chiropractic
Gary Crowder	Grilltime	Helen Ferraro
Henna Planet	HouseHeal (Sara Crowder)	IQ Living
Iqbal Foods	John Galbraith	Judi Pressman
Kaleidoscope Kids Toronto	Kitchen Roots	Kristapson's
Lesley McLean	Leslieville Cheese Market	Lisa's Kitchen
Loblaws Leslie	Loblaws Broadview	Dave & Charlotte's No Frills Carlaw
MAC Cosmetics	Madina Halal Wholesale Poultry	Madina Halal Pizza
Maggie Firth	Magic Oven Pizza	Mary Fragedakis, City Councillor
Mary's Gourmet	Maselli's	Melonhead
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt	Men Essentials	Messini
Michael Januska	Mirvish Productions	Mocha Mocha
MOSS	No Frills	North by Northeast Music Festival
Ontario Science Centre	Open Door Summer Arts Program	Pantheon
Pet Valu	Pho Vietnamese Cuisine	Purple Purl
Riverdale Fitness	Rogers Media	Rogers Publishing
Royal York Hotel	Salon Elias	Sauce
Scholastic Canada	Silly Goose Kids	Silver Spirit Karate Club
Sky Zone	Sobey's	Strictly Bulk
Sophia's Lingerie	Splash Swim School	Sportplay
Steam Whistle Brewery	Stickers & More Warehouse Store	Stylistics
Supersonics	Sushi Delight	Sysco Food
TechFringe Consulting	Telus	The Bak Family
The Corporation of Massey	The Fitness Girl	The Keg

Hall & Roy Thompson Hall		
The Old Nick	The Only	The Rectory Café (Toronto Island)
The Space	The Toronto Symphony Orchestra	The Works
Tips Nail Bar	Today's Menu	Top Cuts
Toronto Argos	Treasure Island Toys	Wilkinson staff
Yoga Fit on the Danforth	Young People's Theatre	Zalinda Kaiser
Ziliotto		

News from People for Education

Gaps between “have” and “have not” schools

Mind the Gap: Inequality in Ontario's Schools is a new report from People for Education. The report shows that average family incomes have an impact on the resources and programs in schools.

People for Education used data from EQAO to compare schools by average family incomes, looking at the 10 per cent of elementary schools with the highest incomes and the 10 per cent with the lowest.

What did they find?

- Students in high-income schools are more likely to be identified as gifted;
- 26% of high-income schools have French Immersion programs, compared to 7% of low-income schools; and
- Students in high-income schools are much more likely to have the chance to participate in a choir or band.

To read more, visit: <http://bit.ly/164QiyC>

Special ed update

The annual report on schools shows that provincial spending on special education is at an all-time high, as are the number of students who are receiving special education support.

But many principals still report difficulty in providing all students with all the supports they need.

To read more, visit: <http://bit.ly/19hJpOd>

Readiness for school affects success

A new report from McMaster University and the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) shows that children who appear less “ready for school” in senior kindergarten may also be less likely to reach the provincial standard on Grade 3 EQAO tests.

The study also showed:

- Students who changed schools between kindergarten and Grade 3 were less likely to do well in grade 3.
- Kindergarten boys were more likely to be in the “vulnerable” and “at-risk” categories than girls.
- 65% of the oldest children (born between January and March) in senior kindergarten were “ready” or “very ready” for school, compared to only 45% of the youngest children (born between October and December). Younger children continue to do less well in Grade 3 and 6, are more likely to be in applied math in Grade 9, and are less likely to pass the grade 10 literacy test.

To read more, visit: <http://bit.ly/190DgmY>

What are you doing this summer?

Newcomers to Canada are getting ready for school

The program Ready for School Connects is a school readiness program for newcomer families with children starting kindergarten. The program has supported more than 900 newcomer families since 2002.

The program engages the whole family. So while students participate in the school readiness program, parents and guardians attend workshops to learn about Ontario's education system (presented by People for Education).

The program also includes a Healthy Child Screening to identify possible health and learning challenges early. Older and younger siblings are accommodated in a childcare program to ensure that all parents can participate fully.

To read more, visit: <http://bit.ly/12BeRWs>

A chance to be heard

The Premier's Council on Youth Opportunities is looking for new members. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 25. The council offers advice to Ontario's premier and engage youth in their communities on a range of issues. Members include youth, young professionals, front-line workers and other leaders from the youth-serving sector.

The application deadline is **July 31, 2013**. E-mail: PCYO@ontario.ca or visit:

<http://bit.ly/12fUoFb>

French as a Second Language Policy online

The new French as a Second Language Policy is on the TDSB website at:

<http://bit.ly/16XseSd>

Important Dates

June

WED. JUNE 19

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FRI. JUNE 21

- National Aboriginal Day
- June Solstice

TUES. JUNE 25

Grade 6 Graduation at 1:30pm (Photo at 1pm)

THURS. JUNE 27

Last day of school

July

MON. JULY 1

Canada Day – National Holiday

TUES. JULY 9

Ramadan begins

August

MON. AUG. 5

Civic Holiday

THURS. AUG. 8

Eid-al-Fitr

September

MON. SEPT. 2

Labour Day

TUES. SEPT. 3

First day of school

THURS. SEPT. 5

Rosh Hashana

SAT. SEPT. 14

Yom Kippur